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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	10:00am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	10:00am	Intention of Regina Francis
Wednesday	10:00am	Liturgy of the Word
Thursday	10:00am	Intention of Valerie Appah
Friday	10:00am	Care of Creation
Saturday	6:00pm	Private Intention
Sunday	08:30am	Love & Forgiveness
	10:00am	Intention of Toby Palat
	12:00noon	People of the Parish

“You can have flaws, be anxious and even be angry, but just remember that your life is the world’s biggest contest.”

Only you can stop it from failing. You are appreciated, admired, and loved by so many. Remember that happiness is not having a sky without storms, a road without accidents, a job without effort, a relationship without disappointments.

“Being happy means finding strength in forgiveness, hope in battles, security in fear, love in discord.” It's not only to enjoy the smile, but also to reflect on the sadness. It's not just about celebrating success it's about learning from failure It's not just about feeling happy with applause, it's about being happy anonymously. Being happy is not a fatality of destiny, but an achievement for those who can travel on their own.

“Being happy is to stop feeling victimized and become the author of your own destiny.” "It is to walk through deserts, but to be able to find an oasis deep in one's soul. It's thanking God every morning for the miracle of life. To be happy is not to be afraid of your feelings and to be able to talk about yourself. Have the courage to hear a "no" and trust the criticism, even when it's unwarranted. It's about hugging your kids, hugging your parents, spending poetic moments with your friends, even when they hurt us. "To be happy is to let the creature that lives in us live, free, joyful and simple." You are mature enough to say, "I made mistakes". Having the courage to say I'm sorry. It's the sense of saying "I need you". It's having the ability to say, "I love you". May your life become a garden of blissful opportunities that in spring is a lover of joy and in winter a lover of wisdom. **POPE FRANCIS**

Peckham Citizens Are hosting a discussion in the church hall on **Tuesday 5th September** on London's future housing needs. If you would like to contribute, please contact Bill on **0775 243 2232**.

Fr Boniface

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
Today Jesus reveals to His disciples His mission, which entails suffering grievously, dying and rising after the third day, something that Peter could not stomach. He calls Jesus aside and remonstrate with Him, telling him "God forbid, this cannot happen to you ". Peter completely misunderstands the mission of Christ, as perhaps could some of us. He cannot accept a saviour who is weak, who will be humiliated and die, rather he expects the Messiah to be as powerful as the Roman rulers of that time, and he would be among the powerful ones since he is within the inner cycle. This expectation of Peter is the human way of thinking, not God's, who sacrificed His only Son Jesus Christ to suffer and die for us on the cross, a shameful death, and because of that human way of thinking Jesus called him satan. Dear friends, God has chosen a different path to save us and we can only share in carrying His cross in order to share in His glory, as the saying goes "there is no resurrection without good Friday". We have not to avoid the cross but rather to embrace and carry it here on earth, losing our earthly selves in order to gain our true lives in heaven. So when suffering comes to us in different forms: sickness; death; loss of jobs, homelessness, wars and others, let us accept them in faith aware that our master underwent the same. Endured in faith, the end shall be Joy in Christ Jesus who endured a lot of suffering for our sake. May Christ Jesus continue to strengthen us in carrying our daily crosses. Secondly let us strive to offer ourselves as living sacrifices to God and do before Him what is good, what is pleasing and what is perfect, total self giving to Him, that He welcomes us in His heavenly kingdom, Amen.

Thank you to Parishioners

It is from the depth of my heart that I would like to say thank you to each and every one of you. You are truly special people. For all the times I have supplied in this archdiocese of Southwark, I have only found such a love and good care for priests here with you. You fed me so well, you invited me to your families, you visited me in the presbytery and truly made me welcome, thank you very very much.

I shall leave this parish Friday the 1st and go to continue the mission at Worcester Park parish St Matthias, where I shall be till the 14th of October, and eventually fly back to Uganda. I shall dearly miss you. Praying that the good Lord gets us together again at His appointed time. God bless you all.
Thank you, *Fr Boniface Arapa*